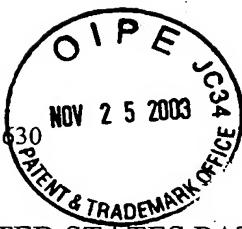


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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

To comply with the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.56, the prior art listed on the attached PTO-1449, including the device listed at "AY", is submitted herewith to the Examiner for consideration in connection with the examination of the above-identified application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Account No. 10-0435 (20341/72630).

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